

Fundraising

We are currently seeking donations of prizes for Tea & Toasts, so if you have any bottles of spirits or wine that you have spare could you please donate them as we are looking for raffle prizes. Also we are **desperately in need prizes for the Tombola bottles of any sort please.** if you can help please see Rosemary Lunt or Barbara Houghton. We are also looking for donation of Easter Eggs for the Tea & Toast tombola (5th April and the Easter bingo (11th April). If you can help donate please see Rosemary or Barbara.

Runcorn Food Bank

This week the Food Bank needs tinned fish, tea bags, powdered milk, size 6 & 7 nappies, clothes washing powder or pods and bags for life. **PLEASE NO BEANS.**

This year we are donating food for the animals as well as for the people. If you could please donate dog or cat food put it in the basket at the back of church.

Car Parking

In the interest of good community

relations with the local residents please can we **NOT park** in Fox Street or Eaton Street outside peoples homes. Please park on Victoria Road or in the cemetery. Please can you only use the church car park if you are mobility impaired or are carrying items for church events.

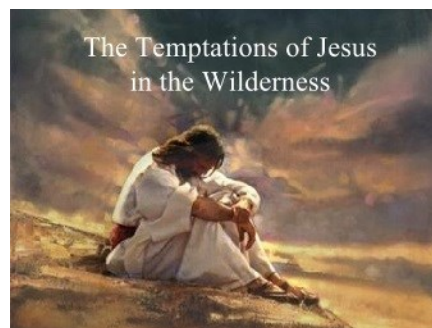
Thank you

Important Notice

From Sunday 20th April (Easter Sunday) we will be reintroducing the passing of the collection plate.

Thank You

The vicar and churchwardens would like to thank the people who stayed behind after the service last week to clean the church. **THANK YOU**



Please do keep in touch with us here at St Michaels, we would like to hear from you again.

Any enquiries relating in booking a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral can be made through our Admin Officer, Robbie on preferably **email stmichaelsruncorn@gmail.com or the mobile 07718133018**

For safeguarding matters email safeguardingsmaa@gmail.com

Our Vicar, Revd George Roach can be contacted on **01928 832734** or vicar.smaaruncorn@gmail.com The Vicars rest day is Friday

We are continuing to grow our social media presence, please do search for us on **Facebook** or on our website **www.runcornstmichaels.org.uk**



Parish Church of
St Michael and All Angels
Sunday 9th March 2025
1st Sunday of Lent
Theme: "The Desert Journey"



Welcome to St Michael and All Angels this morning!

If you are new here, please make sure you say **HELLO** to the church staff and volunteers who will do all they can to assist you.

This service sheet is available in large print and blue paper for those with visual impairment or learning differences

Services Today

8.30am Holy Communion
Revd George Roach
Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16
Luke 4: 1-13
10.30am Holy Communion
Revd George Roach
400 Lead us Heavenly Father lead us
Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16
160 Forty Days and Forty nights
Luke 4: 1-13
111 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
A Thousand Hallelujahs
Communion
201 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer



Regular Activities at St Michael's

Tuesday 11th March

10.00am-12.00noon Crafters

Wednesday 12th March

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 13th March

10.30am Bible Study led by

Revd Helen Browne

Friday 14th March

7.30pm Alpha

Sunday 16th March

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

Collect & Readings

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16

¹Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. ²I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." ⁹If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, ¹⁰no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. ¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; ¹²they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. ¹³You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent. ¹⁴"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. ¹⁵He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honour him. ¹⁶With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." ⁴Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷If you worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ¹²Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Information

'The Wardens politely ask that if any member of the congregation needs to speak to Rev George on a Sunday morning, would they please leave it until the service is over. This gives George the space to prepare and pray for the service without interruption. This will help enormously. Thank you.'

Lent lunches & prayer times

These will take place weekly on Mondays during Lent, from 10th March onwards.

12.00 Prayer time

12.30 Soup & bread lunch

Donations to Runcorn Food Bank

Bible/Prayer Journaling

A Bible/prayer Journaling Session, run by Joan Clare, has been arranged for **Saturday 29th March between 2.00pm and 4.00pm**. Please put your name down at the back of the church to register your interest.

YOU DON'T NEED: -

* A special journaling bible

* To be artistic

* To have lots of craft materials

YOU DO WANT: -

*To draw closer to God

*To deepen your faith

*To further your understanding of the bible

You might like to bring a bible that you want to start journaling in. Materials for journaling will be provided.

Pebbles, Beads and Prayer

A session looking at prayer beads within the Christian faith will be taking place in the community hall at **7.00pm on Sunday 16th March and Wednesday 19th March at 5.00pm**.

